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Programme of meetings and agenda

Scheduled official meetings

Tuesday, 26 November 2002

Security Council

10.30 a.m. Consultations of the whole (closed). Consultations Room
Central African Republic
Liberia (S/2002/1183 and S/2002/1115)
Other matters

United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC)

Eleventh plenary session of the College of Commissioners

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6
3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. 60th plenary meeting. General Assembly Hall
Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [98]: outcome of the International Year of Volunteers and its follow-up
(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/352)
(b) Draft resolution (A/57/L.8)



Main Committees

Second Committee

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 7

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Bruno van der Pluijm (Belgium), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.23 (item 89), A/C.2/57/L.48 (item 90 (a)) and A/C.2/57/L.35 (item 90 (b))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Jan Kára (Czech Republic), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.14 (item 86 (b))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Marco Antonio Suazo (Honduras), Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.15 (item 89 (d)), A/C.2/57/L.36 (item 93) and A/C.2/57/L.44 (item 93)

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 124 (Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/57/367, A/57/480, A/56/853, A/57/593, A/57/5/Add.12 and A/57/5/Add.12/Corr.1 and A/57/439)); and 125 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/57/368, A/57/481 and A/57/481/Corr.1, A/56/853, A/57/347, A/57/482, A/57/587, A/57/593, A/57/5/Add.11, A/57/5/Add.11/Corr.1, A/57/5/Add.11/Corr.2 and A/57/439))

2.30–4.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Pattern of conferences (A/57/32, A/57/32/Corr.1, A/57/228, A/57/228/Add.1, A/57/228/Add.2, A/57/289, A/56/901, A/57/472, A/C.5/57/18 and A/C.5/57/21))

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Executive session:

1. Financing arrangements for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003
2. Future operations of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
3. Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Investments Committee

9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8
2-6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Room DC2-461
3-6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Room DC2-461

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on agenda item 42 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

10 a.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room C
Informal consultations on a draft proposal under agenda item 42, chaired by H. E. Mr. Enrique Manalo, Deputy Permanent Representative (Philippines) [All interested delegations are invited to attend.]		

Second Committee

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.28 (item 92) (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2
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Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.29 (item 94) (Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room B
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Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.22 (item 87 (b)) (Natural disasters and vulnerability)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7
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Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.37 (item 84 (a)) (International trade and development)

1.15-2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
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Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.49 (item 86) (International Year of Mountains, 2002)

1.15-2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room A
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Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.38 (item 87 (a)) (World Summit on Sustainable Development)

1.15-2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room B
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Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.24 (item 89) (Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.18 (item 87 (e)) (Convention on Biological Diversity)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.30 (item 95) (Twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the Strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.38 (item 87 (a)) (World Summit on Sustainable Development)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.5 (item 84 (b)) (Commodities)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposals A/C.2/57/L.45 (item 87 (a)) (Decade of Education for Sustainable Development) and A/C.2/57/L.47 (item 87 (c)) (World Climate Change Conference)

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposals A/C.2/57/L.15 (item 86 (d)) (High-level dialogue on strengthening international Economic cooperation for development through partnership); A/C.2/57/L.44 (item 93) (Ensuring effective support for sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development) and A/C.2/57/L.36 (item 93) (High-level international intergovernmental consideration of Financing for Development)

Afternoon¹–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

¹ Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Second Committee in Conference Room 7.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 26 November 2002

Group of 77 (Second Committee on A/C.2/57/L.4 and A/C.2/57/L.14)

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 and the Whole (on "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for change")

9–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting. Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (Second Committee on A/C.2/57/L.30, A/C.2/57/L.49, A/C.2/57/L.47, A/C.2/57/L.45 and A/C.2/57/L.41)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting. Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (Second Committee on Agenda item 93: High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development (A/C.2/57/L.36))

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting. Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (Second Committee on A/C.2/57/L.16, A/C.2/57/L.17, A/C.2/57/L.18, A/C.2/57/L.19, A/C.2/57/L.20, A/C.2/57/L.21, A/C.2/57/L.22, A/C.2/57/L.10, A/C.2/57/L.13, A/C.2/57/L.25 and A/C.2/57/L.26)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting. Trusteeship Council Chamber

Pacific Islands Forum

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting. Conference Room 9

Informal consultations of all interested delegations on the draft resolution (Assistance in mine action) (under agenda item 28) (organized by the delegations of Belgium and Denmark)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting. Conference Room 7

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/pressg/conf.htm.

Tuesday, 26 November 2002**Room S-226**

10 a.m. Ms. Cate Hankins, Associate Director of Strategic Information, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and Dr. Desmond Johns, Director of the UNAIDS New York Office (to launch the new UNAIDS/WHO report entitled "AIDS Epidemic Update: December 2002")

11.15 a.m. Major General Hilmi Akin Zorlu, Commander of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) (to brief on ISAF and prevailing security conditions in Afghanistan) (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Turkey)

Forthcoming official meetings**Wednesday, 27 November 2002****General Assembly**

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. 61st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall
 Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/57/3 (Parts I and II)). [12]

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary of the General Assembly on the strengthening of the United Nations

Morning¹ 5th meeting (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly, to consider a non-paper by the President of the General Assembly prepared on the basis of the informal consultations held on the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations system: an agenda for further change" (A/57/387 and A/57/387/Corr.1) [The non-paper was faxed to all missions on 21 November 2002 and copies are available in Room S-2925. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, will be present. Delegations are invited to participate at the ambassadorial level.]

¹ Immediately following the adjournment of the 61st plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

Main Committees**Second Committee**

10 a.m. 39th meeting Conference Room 2

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

2.30 p.m. 28th meeting Conference Room 3

Afternoon¹–4.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

¹ Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations with co-sponsors and other interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 21 (a)) (organized by the delegation of Sweden)

Informal consultations with co-sponsors and other interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 21 (a)), organized by the delegation of Sweden, will be held on Wednesday, 27 November 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Credentials Committee

There will be a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee on Monday, 2 December 2002, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegations that have not submitted credentials in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly are asked to submit them to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee, before the meeting (room S-3420A).

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting on Friday, 29 November 2002, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3350 (tel. 1 (212) 963-5172).

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2003 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution A/RES/55/75, the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2003 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will be convened in Geneva on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, at 10 a.m. in Room XX at the Palais des Nations.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2002

The Economic and Social Council will hold informal consultations of the resumed substantive session (to take up the general parameters for the 2003 Spring meeting between the Economic and Social Council, the Bretton Woods Institutions and the World Trade Organization (WTO) on Wednesday, 27 November 2002, in the morning¹, in Conference Room 2. A background paper is available in the Office of the Economic and Social Council Secretariat (room S-2950).

¹ Immediately followed the adjournment of the 39th meeting of the Second Committee in Conference Room 2.

Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (3-14 March 2003), the Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women will hold a consultative briefing for all interested delegations on Wednesday, 27 November 2002, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The briefing will cover the holding of a high-level round table (Commission decision 46/101), and the agenda and proposed organization of work for the forty-seventh session of the Commission. Information notes on both items are available at the offices of the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1250). They can also be requested electronically from taylors@un.org.

Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bob Jalang'o (Kenya).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

There will be a meeting of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC) on Wednesday, 27 November 2002, at 10 a.m. (conference room to be announced).

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters) on Wednesday, 27 November 2002, from 1 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

UNITAR Workshop on the effective management of meetings

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the effective management of meetings. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 27 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963 9684 or 963-9196).

Announcements**Nominations for the judges and Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court**

As the United Nations New York office will be closed on Saturday 30 November 2002, nominations for the judges and prosecutor of the International Criminal Court submitted on that date should be sent by fax (1 (212) 963-1963), before midnight (New York time).

Preparations for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (3-14 March 2003), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Participation and access of women to the media, and information and communication technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women; (b) Women's human rights and elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls as defined in the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century". Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1244), no later than Monday, 2 December 2002, indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (United Nations Headquarters) (9 December 2002)***Deposit of charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates with the Secretary-General*

It will be possible for States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea that may wish to do so, to deposit charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates with the Secretary-General on Monday, 9 December 2002, at 9 a.m., in the West Foyer, adjacent to the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters. A note verbale or a letter by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations or other person considered as representing the State Party, addressed to the Secretary-General, should

be submitted together with the charts or lists of geographical coordinates of points, indicating under which article of the Convention the deposit is being effected. It is recalled that charts or lists of geographical coordinates of points concerning straight or archipelagic baselines as well as the outer limits of their maritime zones are deposited under article 16, paragraph 2, article 47, paragraph 9, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 1 November 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Friday, 22 November 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

57th plenary meeting

Reports of the First Committee

The Rapporteur of the First Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 57 to 73.

Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/57/501) [57]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee contained in document A/57/501.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 57.

Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/57/502) [58]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/57/502) (resolution 57/50).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 58.

Question of Antarctica: report of the First Committee (A/57/503) [59]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/57/503) (resolution 57/51).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 59.

Maintenance of international security - good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe: report of the First Committee (A/57/504) [60]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/57/504) (resolution 57/52).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 60.

Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/57/505) [61]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/57/505) (resolution 57/53).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 61.

Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/57/506) [62]

By 90 votes to 48, with 21 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/57/506) (resolution 57/54).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 62.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/57/507) [63]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/57/507) (resolution 57/55).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 63.

Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/57/508) [64]

By 106 votes to 0, with 55 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/57/508) (resolution 57/56).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 64.

Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/57/509) [65]

By 159 votes to 0, with 3 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/57/509) (resolution 57/57).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65.

General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/57/510) . . . [66]

The representative of Ireland made a statement in the course of which she orally amended draft resolution B.

The representative of Brazil made a statement in the course of which he orally amended draft resolution P.

The representative of Japan made a statement in the course of which he orally amended draft resolution U.

The representative of Poland made a statement in the course of which he orally amended draft resolution Y.

The Assembly proceeded to take decisions on 29 draft resolutions A to CC recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 90 of its report (A/57/510) as well as one draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 91 of the same report (A/57/510).

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstentions</i>
Draft resolution A (recorded vote) (resolution 57/58)	120	3	42
Draft resolution B Oral amendment to twenty-first preambular paragraph		adopted	
Draft resolution B (as orally amended) (recorded vote) (resolution 57/59)	125	6	36
Draft resolution C (resolution 57/60)		adopted	
Draft resolution D (resolution 57/61)		adopted	
Draft resolution E (recorded vote) (resolution 57/62)	164	0	3
Draft resolution F (recorded vote) (resolution 57/63)	105	12	44
Draft resolution G (recorded vote) (resolution 57/64)	163	0	5
Draft resolution H (recorded vote) (resolution 57/65)	160	1	4
Draft resolution I (the words "inter alia, both to control transfers that could contribute to proliferation activities and") in the second preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	131	0	27

Draft resolution I as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 57/66)	166	0	0
Draft resolution J (resolution 57/67)		adopted	
Draft resolution K (resolution 57/68)		adopted	
Draft resolution L (resolution 57/69)		adopted	
Draft resolution M (resolution 57/70)		adopted	
Draft resolution N (recorded vote) (resolution 57/71)	104	3	60
Draft resolution O (resolution 57/72)		adopted	
Draft resolution P Oral amendment to third preambular paragraph		adopted	
Draft resolution P Oral amendment to operative paragraph 2		adopted	
Draft resolution P the last 3 words of operative paragraph 3 (recorded vote)	151	2	8
Draft resolution P Operative paragraph 3 (as a whole) (recorded vote)	156	1	8
Draft resolution P as a whole as orally amended (recorded vote) (resolution 57/73)	160	3	5
Draft resolution Q (recorded vote) (resolution 57/74)	143	0	23
Draft resolution R Operative paragraph 4 (b) (recorded vote)	140	2	20

Draft resolution R Operative paragraph 6 (recorded vote)	139	0	23
Draft resolution R as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 57/75)	143	0	23
Draft resolution S (resolution 57/76)		adopted	
Draft resolution T (recorded vote) (resolution 57/77)	165	1	1
Draft resolution U Oral amendment to third preambular paragraph		adopted	
Draft resolution U (as orally amended) (recorded vote) (resolution 57/78)	156	2	13
Draft resolution V Operative paragraph 10 (recorded vote)	160	2	5
Draft resolution V as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 57/79)	107	41	21
Draft resolution W (resolution 57/80)		adopted	
Draft resolution X (resolution 57/81)		adopted	
Draft resolution Y Oral amendment to third preambular paragraph		adopted	
Draft resolution Y (as orally amended) (resolution 57/82)		adopted	
Draft resolution Z (resolution 57/83)		adopted	
Draft resolution AA (recorded vote) (resolution 57/84)	107	46	17

Draft resolution BB			
Operative paragraph 1			
(recorded vote)	161	4	1
Draft resolution BB			
as a whole			
(recorded vote)			
(resolution 57/85)	117	30	24
Draft resolution CC			
(resolution 57/86)		adopted	

By 121 to 6, with 37 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 91 of its report (A/57/510).

The representative of Mongolia made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 66.

Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/57/511) [67]

The representative of Uruguay made a statement in the course of which he orally amended draft resolution C.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on eight draft resolutions A to H recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 25 of its report (A/57/511).

	Yes	Against	Abstentions
Draft resolution A			
(resolution 57/87)		adopted	
Draft resolution B			
(resolution 57/88)		adopted	
Draft resolution C			
Oral amendment to			
sixth preambular			
paragraph		adopted	
Draft resolution C			
(as orally amended)			
(resolution 57/89)		adopted	
Draft resolution D			
(resolution 57/90)		adopted	
Draft resolution E			
(resolution 57/91)		adopted	
Draft resolution F			
(resolution 57/92)		adopted	
Draft resolution G			
(resolution 57/93)		adopted	
Draft resolution H			
(recorded vote)			
(resolution 57/94)	110	45	12

The representative of Togo made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 67

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/57/512) [68]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A and B recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/57/512) (resolutions 57/95 and 57/96).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68.

The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/57/513) [69]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/57/513).

	Yes	Against	Abstentions
Sixth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	163	2	2
Draft resolution as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 57/97)	158	3	8

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69.

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/57/514) [70]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/57/514) (resolution 57/98).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70.

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/57/515) [71]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/57/515) (resolution 57/99).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 71.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/57/516) [72]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/57/516).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 72.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/57/517) [73]

By 164 votes to 1, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/57/517) (resolution 57/100).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 73.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the First Committee before it.

Main Committees

Third Committee

58th meeting

Human rights questions [109]

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Oral draft decision

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-items and, on the proposal of the Chairman, decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the following documents: A/57/284, A/57/290 and A/57/290/Corr.1, A/57/345 and A/57/366 and A/57/366/Add.1 (sub-item (c)); A/57/36 and A/57/446 (sub-item (e)).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-items 109 (c) and (e).

Human rights questions [109]

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution contained in document A/57/357

The Committee had before it, in English only, a statement from the Programme Planning and Budget Division in connection with the draft resolution, which would be issued as document A/C.3/57/L.89.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Ecuador, the United States, Japan, Canada and the United Kingdom.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.56/Rev.1 and amendments thereto contained in documents A/C.3/57/L.86 and A/C.3/57/L.87

The Secretary read out a statement from the Programme Planning and Budget Division in connection with the draft resolution.

It was announced that Costa Rica had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

In accordance with rule 130 of the rules of procedures of the General Assembly, the Committee began by taking action on the amendments contained in documents A/C.3/57/L.86 and A/C.3/57/L.87.

Action on document A/C.3/57/L.86

It was announced that Algeria and Kuwait had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Denmark, the Czech Republic, Pakistan, Norway, Canada and Saudi Arabia.

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 1 of A/C.3/57/L.86

A statement was made by the representative of Egypt.

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Egypt, Malaysia and Botswana.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 1, by a recorded vote of 35 to 79, with 38 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Finland, Denmark (on behalf of the European Union), Canada and Suriname.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Nepal.

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 2 of A/C.3/57/L.86

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia and the Sudan.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 2, by a recorded vote of 49 to 72, with 9 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Czech Republic, Lebanon, Iceland, New Zealand, Finland, Switzerland and Indonesia.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and the Sudan.

The representative of Myanmar made a statement regarding his vote.

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 3 of A/C.3/57/L.86

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, the United States and Pakistan.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 3, by a recorded vote of 64 to 67, with 22 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Finland.

*Action on the amendment contained in document A/C.3/57/L.87**Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 1 of A/C.3/57/L.87*

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan (on behalf of the countries members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Pakistan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 1, by a recorded vote of 44 to 80, with 30 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Finland, Canada, New Zealand and Iceland.

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 2 of A/C.3/57/L.87

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan (on behalf of the countries members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Lebanon and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 2, by a recorded vote of 65 to 69, with 32 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Finland and Norway.

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 3 of A/C.3/57/L.87

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan (on behalf of the countries members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Pakistan and Malaysia.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 3, by a recorded vote of 52 to 73, with 28 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Finland.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland and Cuba, as well as by the Chairman.

Monday, 25 November 2002

Security Council

4649th meeting

The situation in Cyprus

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/2002/1243)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2002/1277, prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2002/1277) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2002/1277) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1442 (2002).

4650th meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8 of Security Council resolution 1409 (2002) (S/2002/1239)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2002/1293, submitted by Bulgaria and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2002/1293) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2002/1293) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1443 (2002).

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

58th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/300) [21]

(a) *Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations*

(i) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/77, A/57/320, A/57/578)*

(ii) *Note by the Secretary-General (A/57/613)*

(b) *Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions*

(i) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/97, A/57/136, A/57/174, A/57/180, A/57/256, A/57/301, A/57/353, A/57/377)*

(ii) *Draft resolutions (A/57/L.33, A/57/L.41, A/57/L.42, A/57/L.43, A/57/L.46, A/57/L.47)*

(c) *Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/130)*

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/57L.33.

The representative of Ethiopia made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/57L.41 and A/57/L.46.

The representative of Brazil made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/57L.47.

Statements were made by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Peru, Egypt, Mexico, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, India, the Russian Federation, Colombia, Norway and Australia.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of China and Zambia.

59th plenary meeting

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(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/130)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda 21 and its sub-items (a) to (c).

The representative of Tajikistan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/57/L.42.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Argentina, the Republic of Korea, Malawi, the United States, Liberia, Japan and Angola.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/4 of 16 October 1992, the observer for the International Organization for Migration made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/57/L.33, A/57/L.41, A/57/L.42, A/57/L.46 and A/57/L.47 (resolutions 57/101, 57/102, 57/103, 57/104 and 57/105).

The representative of Israel made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution A/57/L.43 would be taken at a later date.

Main Committees

Third Committee

59th–60th meetings

The summary of the 59th and 60th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2002/232).

Economic and Social Council

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

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48th–49th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

The Committee met in private to discuss and adopt concluding observations on the fourth report of Poland (E/C.12/4/Add.9).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.**[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]**

International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992

Withdrawal: Japan (25 November 2002)¹

Treaty Event

Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (United Nations Headquarters) (9 December 2002)

Deposit of instruments of ratification or accession relating to treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above treaty event will take place on Monday, 9 December 2002, at 9 a.m. in the West Foyer adjacent to the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The event, which will be covered by the media, will be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Legal Counsel, in response to his letter of 28 August 2002, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to deposit instruments of ratification or accession relating to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 and the Agreement of 28 July 1994 relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to arrange appointments (room S-3200, tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax: 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail: untreaty.un.org).

Delegations are also requested to submit in advance copies of such instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and statements to the Treaty Section at the latest by 4 December 2002 for verification.

The status of the Convention and the Agreement can be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet (untreaty.un.org). Summaries of the Convention and Agreement can also be found on this Web site along with the full texts of the English and French versions thereof under the heading Focus 2002 - Sustainable Development (direct link - untreaty.un.org/English/TreatyEvent2002). The summaries also contain pertinent information relating to treaty actions. Further information concerning the requirements for the deposit of instruments of ratification and accession and the like (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the above Web site.

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements**World Aids Day**

World AIDS Day will be observed *today*, 26 November 2002. A town hall meeting on the theme "Live and Let Live" will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4. H.E. Mr. Jan Kavan, President of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, and Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, will deliver opening statements. Ann Curry, The Today Show, NBC Television, will moderate the discussion. Actress Whoopi Goldberg will make a special appearance, along with Kami, from Takalani Sesame (South Africa's production of Sesame Street), a recently introduced HIV-positive Muppet. The observance is co-sponsored by the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank. Delegations, non-governmental organizations and accredited media are welcome; Secretariat staff will be admitted, space permitting, to the public gallery.

In conjunction with the observance, "Pandemic: Imaging AIDS", an exhibit consisting of more than one hundred photographic works on the topic of AIDS by award-winning international photographers, will be on display in the General Assembly Visitors' Lobby through 10 January 2003.

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**Exhibit**

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a photographic exhibit entitled "Palestinian cities: Images of life from the turn of the 20th century". The exhibit will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Friday, 29 November 2002, until early January 2003.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, 29 November 2002, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two films entitled "Palestine: Story of a Land (Part 2)" and "After Jenin". Both films will be shown on Friday, 29 November 2002, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Lecture Series of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General is hosting a lecture series at the United Nations for delegates, Secretariat staff and members of civil society affiliated with the United Nations. The series is focused on topics at the forefront of both the humanities and natural sciences. The third lecture in the series will take place on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Professor Nebojsa Nakicenovic, Project Leader at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and Professor at the Technical University of Vienna, and Dr. Rajendra K Pachauri, Director-General of Tata Energy Research Institute and Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, will make brief presentations on "The Interface Between Energy and Climate Change", followed by a question-and-answer session.

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Tuesday, 10 December 2002, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Presentations will be made by Mr. David Malone, President of the International Peace Academy; H.E. Sir Jeremy Greenstock, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom; and H.E. Mr. Kishore Habbubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore on "The Issue of Terrorism and the United Nations Response".

Web sites

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Presidency of the Security Council:
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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
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A/57/PV.17	Meeting held on 19 September 2002, 3 p.m. [English]
A/57/PV.18	Meeting held on 20 September 2002, 10.30 a.m. [English]
A/57/PV.22	Meeting held on 4 October 2002, 10 a.m. [English]
A/57/PV.27	Meeting held on 14 October 2002, 10 a.m. [English]
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A/57/23 (Part II)/Add.1*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/57/521	<i>Item 77</i> – Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories – Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/57/616	<i>Item 112</i> – Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 – First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 – Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/57/617	<i>Item 156</i> – Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula – Letter dated 18 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/57/L.11/Add.1	<i>Item 22 (b)</i> – Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization – 10-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/57/L.16/Add.1	<i>Item 22 (s)</i> – Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of South-East Asian Nations – 48-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/57/L.18/Add.1	<i>Item 22 (a)</i> – Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization – 14-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/57/L.21/Add.1	<i>Item 22 (p)</i> – Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum – 46-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/57/L.22/Add.1	<i>Item 22 (f)</i> – Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization – 11-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

- A/57/L.34 *Item 35 – Question of Palestine – Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People – 27-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/L.35 *Item 35 – Question of Palestine – Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat – 25-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/L.36 *Item 35 – Question of Palestine – Special information programme on the question of Palestine of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat – 25-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/L.37 *Item 35 – Question of Palestine – Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine – 26-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/L.45 *Item 36 – The situation in the Middle East – The Syrian Golan – 25-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]*

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

- A/C.4/57/INF/3 Checklist of reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) to the General Assembly on agenda items 74 to 83, and 12 and 19 – Note by the Secretariat [English only]

Third Committee

- A/C.3/57/L.89 *Items 109 (b) and 112 – Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedom – Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 – Comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities – Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/57/357 – Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedures of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]*

Fifth Committee

- A/C.5/57/25 *Item 123 – Administration of justice at the United Nations – Letter dated 8 November 2002 from the President of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]*

Security Council

Documents

- S/2002/1181* Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
- S/2002/1234 Letter dated 7 November 2002 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- S/2002/1265 Letter dated 19 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- S/2002/1274 Letter dated 22 November 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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Wednesday, 27 November 2002

Security Council

11 a.m. Consultations of the whole (closed). Consultations Room
Afghanistan¹
Other matters

¹ To be followed by a formal meeting.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. 62nd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall
Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/57/3 (Parts I and II)). [12]

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary of the General Assembly on the strengthening of the United Nations

Morning¹ 5th meeting (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly, to consider a non-paper by the President of the General Assembly prepared on the basis of the informal consultations held on the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations system: an agenda for further change" (A/57/387 and A/57/387/Corr.1) [The non-paper was faxed to all missions on 21 November 2002 and copies are available in Room S-2925. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, will be present. Delegations are invited to participate at the ambassadorial level.]

¹ Immediately following the adjournment of the 62nd plenary meeting of the General Assembly.



Main Committees

Second Committee

- 10 a.m. 39th meeting Conference Room 2
- Sectoral policy questions: Industrial development cooperation (A/57/591) . . . [85 (a)]
- Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.8 and A/C.2/57/L.51*
- Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: integration of the economies in transition into the world economy [86 (b)]
- Action on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.14*
- Implementation of the first United Nations decade for the Eradication of Poverty. [89]
- Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.23 and A/C.2/57/L.52*
- Training and research: United Nations University [90 (a)]
- Action on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.48*

Fifth Committee

- 9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5
- Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (United Nations pension system (A/57/9, A/C.5/57/11 and A/57/490))
- 2.30 p.m. 28th meeting Conference Room 3
1. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [112]
 - United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/57/479 and A/57/7/Add.15)
 - Conclusion of general discussion*
 - Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (A/57/467 and A/57/7/Add.8)
 - Introduction and general discussion*
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 - Procurement reform
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 3. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [112]
 - Cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions
 - Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.15*
 - United Nations Fund for International Partnerships
 - Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.16*
 - Inter-organizational security measures
 - Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.17*

Draft decision I (Conversion into established posts of some temporary assistance posts financed under section 2 of the programme budget)

Draft decision II (Cases in which incumbents of the posts are being paid at a level other than the one provided for the post)

Draft decision III (Presentation of estimates of staff assessment)

Action on draft decisions I to III (A/C.5/57/L.19)

Development Account

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.20

Experience in applying the revised administrative arrangements approved by the General Assembly for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO in its decision 53/411 B

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.21

Plan to increase the regular budget component of the United Nations Office at Nairobi

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.23

Proposed revisions to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.24

Comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.25

Results-based budgeting

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.26

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.27

Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.28

4. Financing of the United Nations mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [147]

Action on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.18

Afternoon¹—4.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Programme planning (A/57/6, Programmes 1 (and Corr.1), 2, 3, 5, 7-19 and 24-26, A/57/16, A/C.5/57/12, A/C.5/57/17, A/57/62, A/57/68, A/C.5/57/19 and A/C.5/57/20)); 117 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/57/11, A/57/60, A/57/65, and A/57/281-S/2002/895)); and 126 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Letter dated 17 October 2002 from the Acting President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/57/15))

¹ Immediately following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10
 3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10
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United Nations Administrative Tribunal

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Room DC2-461
 3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Room DC2-461

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2002

Morning¹–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 2
 Informal consultations convened by the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), on the 2003 Spring meeting between the Economic and Social Council, the Bretton Woods Institutions and the World Trade Organization (WTO) [A background paper is available in the Office of the Economic and Social Council Secretariat (room S-2950).]

¹ Immediately following the adjournment of the 39th meeting of the Second Committee.

Commission on the Status of Women (*Consultative briefing of the Bureau*)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1
 Consultative briefing of the Bureau in preparation for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (3-14 March 2003) [The briefing will cover the holding of a high-level round table (Commission decision 46/101), and the agenda and proposed organization of work for the forty-seventh session of the Commission. Information notes on both items are available at the offices of the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1250). They can also be requested electronically from taylor@un.org.]

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Emergency humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia” (under agenda item 21 (b)) (organized by the delegation of Ethiopia)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations of all interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled “International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development” (under agenda item 21 (a)) (organized by the delegation of India)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

**Informal consultations with co-sponsors and other interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled
"Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations"
(under agenda item 21 (a)) (organized by the delegation of Sweden)**

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Second Committee

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.31 (item 96) (Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.39 (item 12) (Public administration and development)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.41 (item 87) (Activities undertaken in preparations for the International Year of Freshwater, 2003)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.25 (item 88) (Pledging mechanisms and resource mobilization for operational activities for development of the United Nations System)

10 a.m.-1.30 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.6 (item 84 (d)) (Enhancing international cooperation towards a durable solution to the external debt problem of developing countries)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.37 (item 84(a)) (International trade and development)

1.15-2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.28 (item 92) (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields)

1.30-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.26 (item 88) (Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries)

2-3 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.40 (item 87) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventh special session)

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.25 (item 88) (Pledging mechanisms and resource mobilization for operational activities for development of the United Nations System)

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.24 (item 89) (Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 27 November 2002

Eastern European Group (of Fifth Committee matters)

9-10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (Second Committee: A/C.2/57/L.12, A/C.2/57/L.6 and A/C.2/57/L.10)

9-10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Group of 77 (of Fifth Committee matters)

1-2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (Second Committee: A/C.2/57/L.36)

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council

Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Asian Group of the Whole

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda items 21 (d) and 37 (Afghanistan) (organized by the delegation of Germany)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting [Conference room to be confirmed]

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda items 21 (d) and 37 (Afghanistan), organized by the delegation of Germany [The text of the draft resolution is available at the following Internet address: www.germany-un.org/Afghanistan.html.]

Informal meeting on cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe (agenda item 22 d))

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Western European and Other States Group

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 27 November 2002

Room S-226

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings**Thursday, 28 November 2002**

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters on Thursday, 28 November 2002, official holiday.]

Friday, 29 November 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

- 3 p.m. 63rd plenary meeting. General Assembly Hall
- Question of Palestine. [35]
- (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the
Palestinian People (A/57/35)
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/621)
- (c) Draft resolutions (A/57/L.34, A/57/L.35, A/57/L.36, A/57/L.37)

Main Committees**Second Committee**

- 10 a.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6
- 3 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Fifth Committee

- 9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5
- 2.30–4.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Emergency humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia” (under agenda item 21 (b)) (organized by the delegation of Ethiopia)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Emergency humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia” (under agenda item 21 (b)), organized by the delegation of Ethiopia, on Friday, 29 November 2002, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

Credentials Committee

There will be a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee on Monday, 2 December 2002, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegations that have not submitted credentials in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly are asked to submit them to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee, before the meeting (room S-3420A).

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People*International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People*

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting on Friday, 29 November 2002, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3350 (tel. 1 (212) 963-5172).

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2003 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution A/RES/55/75, the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2003 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will be convened in Geneva on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, at 10 a.m. in Room XX at the Palais des Nations.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council**Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics**

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bob Jalang'o (Kenya).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (Second Committee: A/C.2/57/L.38, A/C.2/57/L.43, A/C.2/57/L.49, A/C.2/57/L.41, A/C.2/57/L.47, A/C.2/57/L.45 and A/C.2/57/L.5)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (Second Committee: A/C.2/57/L.38, A/C.2/57/L.43, A/C.2/57/L.49, A/C.2/57/L.41, A/C.2/57/L.47, A/C.2/57/L.45 and A/C.2/57/L.5) on Monday, 2 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Group of 77 (with the Coordinators of all Second Committee draft resolutions)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*with the Coordinators of all Second Committee draft resolutions*) on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Arab Group of the Whole (at the ambassadorial level)

There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

UNITAR Workshop on the effective management of meetings

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the effective management of meetings. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is *today*, 27 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963 9684 or 963-9196).

Announcements**Nominations for the judges and Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court**

As the United Nations New York office will be closed on Saturday 30 November 2002, nominations for the judges and prosecutor of the International Criminal Court submitted on that date should be sent by fax (1 (212) 963-1963), before midnight (New York time).

Preparations for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (3-14 March 2003), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Participation and access of women to the media, and information and communication technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women; (b) Women's human rights and elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls as defined in the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century". Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1244), no later than Monday, 2 December 2002, indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (United Nations Headquarters) (9 December 2002)

Deposit of charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates with the Secretary-General

It will be possible for States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea that may wish to do so, to deposit charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates with the Secretary-General on Monday, 9 December 2002, at 9 a.m., in the West Foyer, adjacent to the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters. A note verbale or a letter by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations or other person considered as representing the State Party, addressed to the Secretary-General, should be submitted together with the charts or lists of geographical coordinates of points, indicating under which article of the Convention the deposit is being effected. It is recalled that charts or lists of geographical coordinates of points concerning straight or archipelagic baselines as well as the outer limits of their maritime zones are deposited under article 16, paragraph 2, article 47, paragraph 9, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 1 November 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Monday, 25 November 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Main Committees

Third Committee

59th meeting

Human rights questions [109]

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.56/Rev.1

The Committee resumed action on the draft resolution

At the request of several delegations, a separate recorded vote was requested on each of the following paragraphs: the third preambular paragraph; operative paragraphs 6, 11, 12, 18 and 22 of the revised draft resolution.

Action on the third preambular paragraph

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland and Suriname.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Egypt and Pakistan.

The Committee retained the third preambular paragraph by a recorded vote of 86 to 24, with 35 abstentions.

Action on operative paragraph 6

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland, New Zealand and Canada.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Egypt, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Lebanon.

The Committee retained operative paragraph 6, by a recorded vote of 92 to 34, with 28 abstentions.

Action on operative paragraph 11

A statement was made by the representative of Finland.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Egypt.

The Committee retained operative paragraph 11, by a recorded vote of 91 to 28, with 33 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Action on operative paragraph 12

A statement was made by the representative of Finland.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Egypt, Pakistan, the Sudan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee retained operative paragraph 12, by a recorded vote of 89 to 33, with 31 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Action on operative paragraph 18

A statement was made by the representative of Finland.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Egypt, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Indonesia, Lebanon and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

The Committee retained operative paragraph 18, by a recorded vote of 77 to 34, with 39 abstentions.

After the vote on operative paragraph 18, a statement was made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Action on operative paragraph 22

A statement was made by the representative of Finland.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Egypt.

The Committee retained operative paragraph 22, by a recorded vote of 97 to 23, with 34 abstentions.

Joint action on the seventh preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 3

The Chairman announced that the representative of the United States had requested a vote on the seventh preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 3 jointly.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland, Liechtenstein, Canada, Norway, Chile, France, New Zealand, Switzerland, Costa Rica, Venezuela and Denmark (on behalf of the European Union).

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Egypt.

The Committee retained the seventh preambular and operative paragraph 3, by a recorded vote of 125 to 2, with 30 abstentions.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.56/Rev.1 as a whole

In accordance with rule 89 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the representative of Egypt requested a recorded vote on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.56/Rev.1 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representative of Suriname, Chile and Denmark (on behalf of the European Union).

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Malaysia, Egypt, Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, the Sudan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as a whole, by a recorded vote of 112 to none, with 48 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Mali, Singapore, the United Republic of Tanzania, Pakistan, Egypt, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Sudan.

Subsequently, statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, Benin, Suriname and Finland.

The representative of Madagascar made a statement in connection with her votes on document A/C.3/57/L.87 and draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.56/Rev.1.

Oral draft decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of documents A/57/134, A/57/277, A/57/311, A/57/371, A/57/385, A/57/394, A/57/182 and A/57/357, under sub-item 109 (b).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda sub-item 109 (b) and of agenda item 109 as a whole.

60th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination. [107]

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.34

The Secretary read out a statement from the Director of the Programme Planning and Budgeting Division in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced revisions to the draft resolution, which were circulated in an informal paper.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as revised, by a recorded vote of 153 to 2, with 3 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Israel and South Africa. Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Denmark (on behalf of the European Union), Canada and Australia. After the vote, the representative of Senegal made a statement.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of document A/57/443.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item and of agenda item 107, as a whole.

Report of the Economic and Social Council. [12]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Action on draft decision A/C.3/57/L.75

The Secretary of the Committee introduced and orally revised the document, which was then adopted.

Oral draft decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of the report of the Economic and Social Council, contained in document A/57/3 (Parts I and II), in particular chapters I, III, IV, V, VII (sections A, B, C, and I) and chapter IX, which were allocated to the Third Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ethiopia (on behalf of the group of African States), Denmark (on behalf of the European Union), Lebanon (on behalf of the Arab countries), San Marino (on behalf of the group of Western European and other States), Canada (on behalf of JUSCANZ), Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77), Argentina (on behalf of the group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Benin, Indonesia (on behalf of the group of Asian States), Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Suriname, Albania (on behalf of the group of Eastern European States).

The representatives of Japan and the United Kingdom also spoke.

The Chairman declared the work of the Third Committee completed for the main part of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of 58th meeting of the Third Committee held on Friday, 22 November 2002 (see *Journal* No. 2002/231, p. 17): the text under agenda item 109 (b) should be replaced by the following:

Human rights questions [109]

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on the draft resolution contained in document A/57/357

The Secretary read out a statement from the Programme Planning and Budget Division in connection with the draft resolution, which would be issued subsequently as document A/C.3/57/L.89.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Ecuador, the United States, Japan, Canada and the United Kingdom.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.56/Rev.1 and amendments thereto contained in documents A/C.3/57/L.86 and A/C.3/57/L.87

The Secretary read out a statement from the Programme Planning and Budget Division in connection with the draft resolution.

It was announced that Burundi, Cameroon and the Dominican Republic had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Costa Rica joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

In accordance with rule 130 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Committee began by taking action on the amendments contained in documents A/C.3/57/L.86 and A/C.3/57/L.87.

Action on document A/C.3/57/L.86

It was announced that Algeria and Kuwait had joined in sponsoring the amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.56/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Czech Republic, Pakistan, Norway, Saudi Arabia and Finland.

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 1 of A/C.3/57/L.86

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union), Canada and Suriname.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 1, by a recorded vote of 35 to 79, with 38 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Nepal.

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 2 of A/C.3/57/L.86

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia and the Sudan.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Czech Republic, Lebanon, Iceland, New Zealand, Finland, Switzerland and Indonesia.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 2, by a recorded vote of 49 to 72, with 29 abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and the Sudan.

The representative of Myanmar made a statement regarding her vote.

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 3 of A/C.3/57/L.86

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, the United States and Pakistan.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Finland.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 3, by a recorded vote of 64 to 67, with 22 abstentions.

Action on the amendments contained in document A/C.3/57/L.87

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 1 of A/C.3/57/L.87

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan (on behalf of the countries members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Pakistan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Finland, Canada, New Zealand and Iceland.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 1, by a recorded vote of 44 to 80, with 30 abstentions.

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 2 of A/C.3/57/L.87

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan (on behalf of the countries members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Lebanon, and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Finland and Norway.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 2, by a recorded vote of 55 to 69, with 32 abstentions.

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 3 of A/C.3/57/L.87

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan (on behalf of the countries members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Pakistan and Malaysia.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Finland.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 3, by a recorded vote of 52 to 73, with 28 abstentions.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland and Cuba, as well as by the Chairman.

Tuesday, 26 November 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

60th plenary meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [98]: outcome of the International Year of Volunteers and its follow-up

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/352)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/57/L.8)*

The President made a statement.

The representative of Brazil made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/57/L.8.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Turkey), Egypt, Viet Nam, the United States, Qatar, Honduras, the United Arab Emirates, New Zealand, Australia, the Republic of Korea, India, Kyrgyzstan, Canada, the Czech Republic, the Philippines and Pakistan.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

61st plenary meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [98]: outcome of the International Year of Volunteers and its follow-up: draft resolution (A/57/L.8)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/57/L.8 (resolution 57/106).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 98.

Economic and Social Council

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Twenty-ninth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

Tuesday, 26 November 2002

50th–51st meetings

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee discussed and adopted General Comment No. 15 on the right to water (article 11 of the International Covenant).

The High Commissioner for Human Rights addressed the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Objection to the reservations made by Bahrain upon accession: Netherlands (22 November 2002)¹

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Objection to the reservations made by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea upon signature: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (22 November 2002)¹

Convention on psychotropic substances. Vienna, 21 February 1971

Territorial application: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (in respect of: Isle of Man) (25 November 2002)¹

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Latvia (25 November 2002)¹

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Jordan (26 November 2002)

Treaty Event

Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (United Nations Headquarters) (9 December 2002)

Deposit of instruments of ratification or accession relating to treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above treaty event will take place on Monday, 9 December 2002, at 9 a.m. in the West Foyer adjacent to the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The event, which will be covered by the media, will be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Legal Counsel, in response to his letter of 28 August 2002, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to deposit instruments of ratification or accession relating to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 and the Agreement of 28 July 1994 relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to arrange appointments (room S-3200, tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax: 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail: untreaty.un.org).

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Delegations are also requested to submit in advance copies of such instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and statements to the Treaty Section at the latest by 4 December 2002 for verification.

The status of the Convention and the Agreement can be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet (untreaty.un.org). Summaries of the Convention and Agreement can also be found on this Web site along with the full texts of the English and French versions thereof under the heading Focus 2002 - Sustainable Development (direct link - untreaty.un.org/English/TreatyEvent2002). The summaries also contain pertinent information relating to treaty actions. Further information concerning the requirements for the deposit of instruments of ratification and accession and the like (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the above Web site.

Other announcements

World Aids Day

World AIDS Day will be observed *today*, 26 November 2002. A town hall meeting on the theme "Live and Let Live" will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4. H.E. Mr. Jan Kavan, President of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, and Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, will deliver opening statements. Ann Curry, *The Today Show*, NBC Television, will moderate the discussion. Actress Whoopi Goldberg will make a special appearance, along with Kami, from *Takalani Sesame* (South Africa's production of *Sesame Street*), a recently introduced HIV-positive Muppet. The observance is co-sponsored by the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank. Delegations, non-governmental organizations and accredited media are welcome; Secretariat staff will be admitted, space permitting, to the public gallery.

In conjunction with the observance, "Pandemic: Imaging AIDS", an exhibit consisting of more than one hundred photographic works on the topic of AIDS by award-winning international photographers, will be on display in the General Assembly Visitors' Lobby through 10 January 2003.

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a photographic exhibit entitled "Palestinian cities: Images of life from the turn of the 20th century". The exhibit will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Friday, 29 November 2002, until early January 2003.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, 29 November 2002, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two films entitled "Palestine: Story of a Land (Part 2)" and "After Jenin". Both films will be shown on Friday, 29 November 2002, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

International Day of Disabled Persons (December 3)

In conjunction with the observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, an informal briefing, organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The topic will be "Reinforcing the disability dimension in mainstream development: issues and findings from recent policy research and implications for the rights-based approaches to development." Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Lecture Series of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General is hosting a lecture series at the United Nations for delegates, Secretariat staff and members of civil society affiliated with the United Nations. The series is focused on topics at the forefront of both the humanities and natural sciences. The third lecture in the series will take place on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Professor Nebojsa Nakicenovic, Project Leader at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and Professor at the Technical University of Vienna, and Dr. Rajendra K Pachauri, Director-General of Tata Energy Research Institute and Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, will make brief presentations on "The Interface Between Energy and Climate Change", followed by a question-and-answer session.

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Tuesday, 10 December 2002, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in *Conference Room 2*. Presentations will be made by Mr. David Malone, President of the International Peace Academy; H.E. Sir Jeremy Greenstock, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom; and H.E. Mr. Kishore Hahubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore on "The Issue of Terrorism and the United Nations Response".

Web sites

President of the General Assembly:

www.un.org/ga/president

General Assembly:

www.un.org/arabic/ga/57

www.un.org/chinese/ga/57

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www.un.org/russian/document/gadocs/57sess

www.un.org/spanish/aboutun/organs/ga/57

Presidency of the Security Council:
www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm
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Economic and Social Council:
www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc

Danish Presidency of the European Union:
www.un.int/denmark
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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 26 November 2002.

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Main title</i>
General Assembly	Official Records <i>Fifty-seventh session</i>
	First Committee
A/C.1/57/PV.1	Meeting held on 27 September 2002, 10 a.m. [English]
General Assembly	Documents <i>Fifty-seventh session</i>
A/57/234	Request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the fifty-seventh session – International Year of Rice, 2004 – Letter dated 22 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/57/494*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

- A/57/520 *Item 76 – United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East – Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/623 *Items 111, 112 and 115 – Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations – Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 – Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency – Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/624 *Item 12 – Report of the Economic and Social Council – Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/L.24/Add.1 *Item 22 (i) – Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System – 34-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/L.26/Add.1 *Item 22 (c) – Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community – 24-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/L.28/Add.1 *Item 22 (o) – Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference – 33-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/L.29/Add.1 *Item 22 (g) – Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie – 70-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/L.30/Add.1 *Item 22 (r) – Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community – 19-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/L.33/Add.1 *Item 21 (b) – Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions – 78-Power draft resolution – International cooperation and coordination for the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/L.41/Add.1 *Item 21 (b) – Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions – 66-Power draft resolution – International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/L.42/Add.1 *Item 21 (b) – Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions – 45-Power draft resolution – Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and rehabilitation in Tajikistan [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/L.44* *Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/L.46/Add.1 *Item 21 (b) – Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions – 64-Power draft resolution – Assistance to Mozambique [A C E F R S]*

- A/57/L.47/Add.1 *Item 21 (b) – Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions – 73-Power draft resolution – Assistance for humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and development for Timor-Leste [A C E F R S]*

Security Council**Documents**

- S/2002/1276 Note by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
 S/2002/1277 Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
 S/2002/1293 Bulgaria and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
 S/2002/1294 Letter dated 25 November 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

 S/Agenda/4649 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
 S/Agenda/4650 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
 S/RES/1442 (2002) Adopted by the Security Council at its 4649th meeting [A C E F R S]
 S/RES/1443 (2002) Adopted by the Security Council at its 4650th meeting [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council**Documents**

- E/2002/INF/4 List of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council as at 31 August 2002 – Note by the Secretary-General [E F S only]

Secretariat**Protocol and Liaison**

- ST/SG/SER.C/L.611 List of delegations to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly [English only]

Communications to the Editor

Material for inclusion in the *Journal* may be sent to room S-2940 (tel. 1 (212) 963-3888, 963-6771 and 963-6776; fax 1 (212) 963-4790; e-mail journal@un.org).

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Programme of meetings and agenda

Scheduled official meetings

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters *today*, 28 November 2002, official holiday.]

Friday, 29 November 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

- 3 p.m. 63rd plenary meeting. General Assembly Hall
- Question of Palestine. [35]
- (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the
Palestinian People (A/57/35)
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/621)
- (c) Draft resolutions (A/57/L.34, A/57/L.35, A/57/L.36, A/57/L.37)

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

- 9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5
- 2.30–4.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5
- Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (United Nations common system (A/57/30,
A/57/612 and A/C.5/57/16))

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

- 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. 268th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber



United Nations Administrative Tribunal

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Room DC2-461
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Room DC2-461

Other meetings

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Friday, 29 November 2002

African Group of the Whole

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
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Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/pressg/conf.htm.

Friday, 29 November 2002

Room S-226

12 noon	Press briefing by the Spokesman
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Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 2 December 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m.	64th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
	1. Question of Palestine	[35]
	(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/57/35)	
	(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/621)	
	(c) Draft resolutions (A/57/L.34, A/57/L.35, A/57/L.36, A/57/L.37)	

2. The situation in the Middle East. [36]
 (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/470, A/57/621)
 (b) Draft resolutions (A/57/L.44, A/57/L.45)
- 3 p.m. 65th plenary meeting. General Assembly Hall
 The situation in the Middle East. [36]
 (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/470, A/57/621)
 (b) Draft resolutions (A/57/L.44, A/57/L.45)

Main Committees

Second Committee

- 3 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Fifth Committee

- 9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . . Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5
 2.30–4.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Emergency humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia" (under agenda item 21 (b)) (organized by the delegation of Ethiopia)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Emergency humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia" (under agenda item 21 (b)), organized by the delegation of Ethiopia, on Monday, 2 December 2002, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on agenda item 42 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

Informal consultations on a revised version of the draft resolution under agenda item 42, chaired by H. E. Mr. Enrique Manalo, Deputy Permanent Representative (Philippines), will be held on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 21 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 21, chaired by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will be held on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Credentials Committee

There will be a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee on Monday, 2 December 2002, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegations that have not submitted credentials in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly are asked to submit them to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee, before the meeting (room S-3420A).

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2003 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution A/RES/55/75, the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2003 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will be convened in Geneva on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, at 10 a.m. in Room XX at the Palais des Nations.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council**Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics**

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bob Jalang'o (Kenya).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (Second Committee: A/C.2/57/L.38, A/C.2/57/L.43, A/C.2/57/L.49, A/C.2/57/L.41, A/C.2/57/L.47, A/C.2/57/L.45 and A/C.2/57/L.5)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (Second Committee: A/C.2/57/L.38, A/C.2/57/L.43, A/C.2/57/L.49, A/C.2/57/L.41, A/C.2/57/L.47, A/C.2/57/L.45 and A/C.2/57/L.5) on Monday, 2 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Group of 77 (with the Coordinators of all Second Committee draft resolutions)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*with the Coordinators of all Second Committee draft resolutions*) on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

African Experts on Economic Matters

There will be a meeting of the African Experts on Economic Matters on Monday, 2 December 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Monday, 2 December 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

UNITAR Workshop on the effective management of meetings

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the effective management of meetings. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963 9684 or 963-9196).

Arab Group of the Whole (at the ambassadorial level)

There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

Announcements**Nominations for the judges and Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court**

As the United Nations New York office will be closed on Saturday 30 November 2002, nominations for the judges and prosecutor of the International Criminal Court submitted on that date should be sent by fax (1 (212) 963-1963), before midnight (New York time).

Final list of Third Committee draft proposals

Copies of the final list of the Third Committee draft proposals are available in room S-2950. The list is also available on the Web site the General Assembly (Third Committee) at the following address: www.un.org/ga/57.

Preparations for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (3-14 March 2003), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Participation and access of women to the media, and information and communication technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women; (b) Women's human rights and elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls as defined in the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century". Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1244), no later than Monday, 2 December 2002, indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (United Nations Headquarters) (9 December 2002)***Deposit of charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates with the Secretary-General*

It will be possible for States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea that may wish to do so, to deposit charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates with the Secretary-General on Monday, 9 December 2002, at 9 a.m., in the West Foyer, adjacent to the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters. A note verbale or a letter by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations or other person considered as representing the State Party, addressed to the Secretary-General, should be submitted together with the charts or lists of geographical coordinates of points, indicating under which article of the Convention the deposit is being effected. It is recalled that charts or lists of geographical coordinates of points concerning straight or archipelagic baselines as well as the outer limits of their maritime zones are deposited under article 16, paragraph 2, article 47, paragraph 9, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

Security Council**Daily informal briefings**

As from Friday, 1 November 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 27 November 2002

Security Council

4651st meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2002/1278, which has been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2002/1278) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2002/1278) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1444 (2002).

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

62nd plenary meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/57/3 (Parts I and II)) [12]

The President of the Economic and Social Council made a statement in the course of which he introduced the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/57/3 (Parts I and II)).

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain, Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey) and Cameroon.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

Main Committees

Second Committee

39th meeting

Sectoral policy questions: industrial development cooperation [85 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.8 and A/C.2/57/L.51

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bruno van der Pluijm (Belgium), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.51, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.8.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.51.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.51, draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.8 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Documentation submitted under sub-item 85 (b), Business and Development

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of the report of the Secretary-General under the sub-item (A/57/591).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 85 (b) and item 85, as a whole.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: integration of the economies in transition into the world economy [86 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.14

It was announced that Argentina, Cyprus, Japan and Mongolia had also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jan Kára (Czech Republic), informed the Committee on the outcome of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally revised the text.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [89]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.23 and A/C.2/57/L.52

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bruno van der Pluijm (Belgium), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.52, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.23.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.52.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.52, draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.23 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Training and research: United Nations University [90 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.48

It was announced that Indonesia, Kenya, Lebanon, Malta, Mongolia, Paraguay, Peru and Turkey had also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Israel joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.48.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

Additional sponsors

The Chairman announced additional sponsors to the following draft resolutions:
A/C.2/57/L.41 (item 87): Kyrgyzstan, Thailand, Uzbekistan; A/C.2/57/L.47 (item 87
(c)): Croatia, Greece and Malta; and A/C.2/57/L.49 (item 86): Germany and Thailand

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Denmark (on behalf of the European Union), Morocco and Canada.

Fifth Committee

28th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [112]

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/57/479 and A/57/7/Add.15)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this question and heard statements by the representatives of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Bahrain, the United States and Denmark (on behalf of the European Union).

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Pakistan, Denmark (on behalf of the European Union), Nigeria and the Islamic Republic of Iran, following which the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to further issues raised.

The Chairman made a statement.

Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/467).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/57/7/Add.8).

In the absence of speakers, the Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be conducted under the chairmanship of Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal).

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [111]

Procurement reform

The representative of Argentina, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.22.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [112]

Draft decision A/C.5/57/L.15 (Cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions)

Draft decision A/C.5/57/L.16 (United Nations Fund for International Partnerships)

Draft decision A/C.5/57/L.17 (Inter-organizational security measures)

Draft decision A/C.5/57/L.19 – Draft decision I (Conversion into established posts of some temporary assistance posts financed under section 2 of the programme budget)

Draft decision A/C.5/57/L.19) – Draft decision II (Cases in which incumbents of the posts are being paid at a level other than the one provided for the post)

Draft decision A/C.5/57/L.19 – Draft decision III (Presentation of estimates of staff assessment)

Draft decision A/C.5/57/L.20 (Development Account)

Draft decision A/C.5/57/L.21 (Experience in applying the revised administrative arrangements approved by the General Assembly for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO in its decision 53/411 B)

Draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.23 (Plan to increase the regular budget component of the United Nations Office at Nairobi)

Draft decision A/C.5/57/L.24 (Proposed revisions to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations)

Draft decision A/C.5/57/L.25 (Comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat)

Draft decision A/C.5/57/L.26 (Results-based budgeting)

Draft decision A/C.5/57/L.27 (Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research)

Draft decision A/C.5/57/L.28 (Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations)

The representatives of Nigeria and Cuba spoke on a point of procedure.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to the question raised.

The Committee further adopted, without a vote, the draft proposals contained in documents A/C.5/57/L.15, A/C.5/57/L.16, A/C.5/57/L.17, A/C.5/57/L.19, A/C.5/57/L.20, A/C.5/57/L.21, A/C.5/57/L.23, A/C.5/57/L.24, A/C.5/57/L.25, A/C.5/57/L.26 and A/C.5/57/L.28).

The representative of Cuba made a statement on draft decision A/C.5/57/L.20 (Development Account).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of these questions.

The representative of Nigeria requested that informal consultations be conducted on the draft decision contained in A/C.5/57/L.27 (Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research).

Financing of the United Nations mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [147]

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision contained in document A/C.5/57/L.18.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Economic and Social Council

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Twenty-ninth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

Wednesday, 27 November 2002

- 52nd meeting *Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights* [3]
 The Committee met in private to discuss and adopt concluding observations on the second periodic report of Georgia.
- 53rd meeting The Committee met in private to discuss and adopt concluding observations on the initial report of the Solomon Islands.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 1986, as amended and extended, 1993. Geneva, 1 July 1986

Accession: Yugoslavia (22 November 2002)¹

Treaty Event

Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (United Nations Headquarters) (9 December 2002)

Deposit of instruments of ratification or accession relating to treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above treaty event will take place on Monday, 9 December 2002, at 9 a.m. in the West Foyer adjacent to the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The event, which will be covered by the media, will be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Legal Counsel, in response to his letter of 28 August 2002, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to deposit instruments of ratification or accession relating to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 and the Agreement of 28 July 1994 relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to arrange appointments (room S-3200, tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax: 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail: untreaty.un.org).

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Delegations are also requested to submit in advance copies of such instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and statements to the Treaty Section at the latest by 4 December 2002 for verification.

The status of the Convention and the Agreement can be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet (untreaty.un.org). Summaries of the Convention and Agreement can also be found on this Web site along with the full texts of the English and French versions thereof under the heading Focus 2002 - Sustainable Development (direct link - untreaty.un.org/English/TreatyEvent2002). The summaries also contain pertinent information relating to treaty actions. Further information concerning the requirements for the deposit of instruments of ratification and accession and the like (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the above Web site.

Other announcements

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a photographic exhibit entitled "Palestinian cities: Images of life from the turn of the 20th century". The exhibit will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Friday, 29 November 2002, until early January 2003.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, 29 November 2002, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two films entitled "Palestine: Story of a Land (Part 2)" and "After Jenin". Both films will be shown on Friday, 29 November 2002, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

International Day of Disabled Persons (December 3)

In conjunction with the observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, an informal briefing, organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The topic will be "Reinforcing the disability dimension in mainstream development: issues and findings from recent policy research and implications for the rights-based approaches to development." Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Lecture Series of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General is hosting a lecture series at the United Nations for delegates, Secretariat staff and members of civil society affiliated with the United Nations. The series is focused on topics at the forefront of both the humanities and natural sciences. The third lecture in the series will take place on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Professor Nebojša Nakićenović, Project Leader at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and Professor at the Technical University of Vienna, and Dr. Rajendra K Pachauri, Director-General of Tata Energy Research Institute and Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, will make brief presentations on "The Interface Between Energy and Climate Change", followed by a question-and-answer session.

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Tuesday, 10 December 2002, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2. Presentations will be made by Mr. David Malone, President of the International Peace Academy; H.E. Sir Jeremy Greenstock, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom; and H.E. Mr. Kishore Hahubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore on "The Issue of Terrorism and the United Nations Response".

Web sites

President of the General Assembly:

www.un.org/ga/president

General Assembly:

www.un.org/arabic/ga/57

www.un.org/chinese/ga/57

www.un.org/ga/57

www.un.org/french/ga/57

www.un.org/russian/document/gadocs/57sess

www.un.org/spanish/aboutun/organs/ga/57

Presidency of the Security Council:

www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373

www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm

www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373

www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373

www.un.org/russian/document/scdocs/committees/1373

www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html

Economic and Social Council:

www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc

Danish Presidency of the European Union:

www.un.int/denmark

<http://europa-cu-un.org>

Journal of the United Nations:www.un.org/Docs/journal/Ar/latesta.pdfwww.un.org/Docs/journal/Ch/latestc.pdfwww.un.org/Docs/journal/En/lateste.pdfwww.un.org/Docs/journal/Fr/latestf.pdfwww.un.org/Docs/journal/Ru/latestr.pdfwww.un.org/Docs/journal/Sp/latests.pdf**Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters**

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 27 November 2002.

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Main title</i>
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A/57/459	<i>Item 25 (b) – Oceans and the law of the sea – Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments – Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]</i>
A/57/529	<i>Item 84 – Macroeconomic policy questions – Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]</i>
A/57/529/Add.6	<i>Item 84 (f) – Macroeconomic policy questions: preparations for the International Ministerial Meeting on Transit Transport Cooperation – Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]</i>
A/57/531	<i>Item 86 – Sustainable development and international economic cooperation – Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]</i>
A/57/532	<i>Item 87 – Environment and sustainable development – Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]</i>
A/57/536	<i>Item 91 – Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources – Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]</i>
A/57/617*	<i>Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]</i>
A/57/625-S/2002/1295	<i>Items 36 and 160 – The situation in the Middle East – Measures to eliminate international terrorism – Letter dated 22 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]</i>
A/57/626	<i>Item 109 (b) – Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms – Letter dated 22 November 2002 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]</i>

- A/57/L.38/Add.1 *Item 22 (h) – Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union – 131-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/L.8/Add.1 *Item 98 – Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family – Follow-up to the International Year of Volunteers – 143-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]*
- A/57/L.39/Add.1 *Item 22 (m) – Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union – 82-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]*

Second Committee

- A/C.2/57/L.52 *Item 89 – Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) – Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.23 – Establishment of the World Solidarity Fund [A C E F R S]*

Fifth Committee

- A/C.5/57/26 *Items 106 and 112 – Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People – Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 – Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues – Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.7 – Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]*
- A/C.5/57/L.28 *Item 112 – Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 – Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations – Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations [A C E F R S]*

Sixth Committee

- A/C.6/57/2 *Membership of the Sixth Committee – Chairman [E F S (trilingual)]*

General Assembly *Tenth emergency special session*

- A/ES-10/204-S/2002/1298 *Item 5 – Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory – Identical letters dated 25 November 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]*

Security Council **Documents**

- A/57/625-S/2002/1295 *Letter dated 22 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]*
- S/2002/1296 *Letter dated 25 November 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]*
- S/2002/1297 *Letter dated 22 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]*

A/ES-10/204-
S/2002/1298

Identical letters dated 25 November 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

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Status of contributions as at 31 August 2002 [E F S only]

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Information circular – Placement and promotion list for staff in the Professional category and above [English only]

ST/IC/2002/75

Information circular – Placement and promotion list for staff in the General Service and related categories [English only]

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Programme of meetings and agenda

Scheduled official meetings

Monday, 2 December 2002

Security Council

Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa

3 p.m. Closed meeting Consultations Room

Security Council

The President of the Security Council (Colombia) will hold an informal briefing on the December Provisional Programme of work, on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, at 1 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

The Security Council will hold an open briefing on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, at 3 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item entitled "Africa's food crisis as a threat to peace and security".

Announcement

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available to Member States in accordance with the Notes by the President of the Security Council dated 27 July 1993 (S/26176) and 30 April 1998 (S/1998/354). In accordance with the aforementioned decisions, copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' "pick-up areas", as of Monday, 2 December 2002.



General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

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| 10 a.m. | 64th plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
| | 1. Question of Palestine | [35] |
| | (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/57/35) | |
| | (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/621) | |
| | (c) Draft resolutions (A/57/L.34, A/57/L.35, A/57/L.36, A/57/L.37) | |
| | 2. The situation in the Middle East | [36] |
| | (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/470, A/57/621) | |
| | (b) Draft resolutions (A/57/L.44, A/57/L.45) | |
| 3 p.m. | 65th plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
| | The situation in the Middle East | [36] |
| | (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/470, A/57/621) | |
| | (b) Draft resolutions (A/57/L.44, A/57/L.45) | |

Main Committees

Second Committee

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| 3 p.m. | Informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 6 |
| | Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Marco Suazo (Honduras), Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.33 (item 92) and A/C.2/57/L.36 (item 93) | |

Fifth Committee

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| 9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. | Informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |
| | Informal consultations on agenda items 117 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/57/11, A/57/60, A/57/65, and A/57/281-S/2002/895)); and 125 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/57/368, A/57/481 and A/57/481/Corr.1, A/56/853, A/57/347, A/57/482, A/57/587, A/57/593, A/57/5/Add.11, A/57/5/Add.11/Corr.1, A/57/5/Add.11/Corr.2 and A/57/439)) | |

2.30–4.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 112 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Strengthening the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the Secretariat (A/57/152, A/57/152/Corr.1, A/57/152/Add.1, A/57/152/Add.1/Corr.1, A/57/152/Add.2 and A/57/7/Add.13)); and 126 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Letter dated 17 October 2002 from the Acting President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/57/15))

Credentials Committee

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10
Draft reports

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Emergency humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia” (under agenda item 21 (b)) (organized by the delegation of Ethiopia)

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Second Committee

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.15 (item 86 (d)) (High-level dialogue on strengthening international Economic cooperation for development through partnership)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.37 (item 84 (a)) (International trade and development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.49 (item 86) (International Year of Mountains, 2002)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.31 (item 96) (Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.29 (item 94) (Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.43 (item 87 (c)) Protection of global climate for present and future generations)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.28 (item 92) (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields)

2–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room I

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.30 (item 95) (Twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the Strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.38 (item 87 (a)) (World Summit on Sustainable Development)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposals A/C.2/57/L.45 (item 87 (a)) (Decade of Education for Sustainable Development) and A/C.2/57/L.47 (item 87 (c)) (World Climate Change Conference)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.17 (item 87 (d)) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particular in Africa)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.25 (item 88) (Pledging mechanisms and resource mobilization for operational activities for development of the United Nations System)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.18 (item 87 (e)) (Convention on Biological Diversity)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.4 (item 84 (e)) (International financial system and development)

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.44 (item 93) (Ensuring effective support for sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)

Afternoon¹–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

¹ Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Second Committee in Conference Room 6.

Other meetings

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Monday, 2 December 2002

Group of 77 (Second Committee: A/C.2/57/L.38, A/C.2/57/L.43, A/C.2/57/L.49, A/C.2/57/L.41, A/C.2/57/L.47, A/C.2/57/L.45 and A/C.2/57/L.5)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting. Trusteeship Council Chamber

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting. Conference Room 9

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting. Trusteeship Council Chamber

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/pressg/conf.htm.

Monday, 2 December 2002

Room S-226

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 3 December 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m.	66th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
	1. The situation in the Middle East	[36]
	(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/470, A/57/621)	
	(b) Draft resolutions (A/57/L.44, A/57/L.45)	
	2. Question of Palestine	[35]
	(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/57/35)	
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	(c) Draft resolutions (A/57/L.34, A/57/L.35, A/57/L.36, A/57/L.37)	

Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2.30 p.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon ¹ –4.30 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

¹ Following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on agenda item 42 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

Informal consultations on a revised version of the draft resolution under agenda item 42, chaired by H. E. Mr. Enrique Manalo, Deputy Permanent Representative (Philippines), will be held on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 21 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 21, chaired by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will be held on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2003 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution A/RES/55/75, the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2003 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will be convened in Geneva on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, at 10 a.m. in Room XX at the Palais des Nations.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

The 243rd (closed) meeting of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait will take place on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, at 10.30 a.m.¹ in Conference Room 7.

¹ The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the Press.

Economic and Social Council

Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bob Jalang'o (Kenya).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (with the Coordinators of all Second Committee draft resolutions)

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (with the Coordinators of all Second Committee draft resolutions) on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters (on agenda item 112))

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters (on agenda item 112) (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003)) from 1 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5, as follows: Tuesday and Wednesday, 3 and 4 December, and Friday, 6 December 2002.

UNITAR Workshop on the effective management of meetings

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the effective management of meetings. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963 9684 or 963-9196).

Arab Group of the Whole (at the ambassadorial level)

There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole (at the ambassadorial level) on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 11 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

Informal consultation on the 2003 Biennial Meeting of States on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects

H.E. Ms. Kuniko Inogouchi, Permanent Representative of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament and Chairperson-designate of the 2003 Biennial Meeting of States on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects, will chair an informal consultation (open to all Member States) on the 2003 Biennial Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. For further information, please contact Mr. Herbert Loret, Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-0049; fax 1 (212) 963-1121; e-mail: loret@un.org).

Announcements**Nominations for the judges and Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court**

As the United Nations New York office will be closed today, 30 November 2002, nominations for the judges and prosecutor of the International Criminal Court submitted on that date should be sent by fax (1 (212) 963-1963), before midnight (New York time).

Final list of Third Committee draft proposals

Copies of the final list of the Third Committee draft proposals are available in room S-2950. The list is also available on the Web site the General Assembly (Third Committee) at the following address: www.un.org/ga/57.

Preparations for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (3-14 March 2003), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Participation and access of women to the media, and information and communication technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women; (b) Women's human rights and elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls as defined in the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century". Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1244), no later than Monday, 2 December 2002, indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (United Nations Headquarters) (9 December 2002)

Deposit of charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates with the Secretary-General

It will be possible for States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea that may wish to do so, to deposit charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates with the Secretary-General on Monday, 9 December 2002, at 9 a.m., in the West Foyer, adjacent to the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters. A note verbale or a letter by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations or other person considered as representing the State Party, addressed to the Secretary-General, should be submitted together with the charts or lists of geographical coordinates of points, indicating under which article of the Convention the deposit is being effected. It is recalled that charts or lists of geographical coordinates of points concerning straight or archipelagic baselines as well as the outer limits of their maritime zones are deposited under article 16, paragraph 2, article 47, paragraph 9, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

Security Council**Daily informal briefings**

As from Wednesday, 4 December 2002, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Friday, 29 November 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

63rd plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [35]

a) *Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/57/35)*

(b) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/621)*

(c) *Draft resolutions (A/57/L.34, A/57/L.35, A/57/L.36, A/57/L.37)*

The Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/57/L.34, A/57/L.35, A/57/L.36 and A/57/L.37.

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the Committee's report (A/57/35).

The Head of the Observer Delegation of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, the Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, Pakistan, Bahrain, China, Malaysia, Israel, Madagascar, Cuba and Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia and Turkey).

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

268th meeting

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Chairman made a statement.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The President of the Security Council made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General, Chef de Cabinet, read the statement of the Secretary-General.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine read out a message from Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and President of the Palestinian Authority.

The Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories made a statement.

The representative of South Africa read a message from the President of South Africa in his capacities as Chairman of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and Chairman of the African Union.

The representative of the Sudan read a message from the Chairman of the Twenty-ninth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Palestine Affairs of the League of Arab States read a message from the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

Ms. Phyllis Bennis made a statement, on behalf of the international network of NGOs on the question of Palestine.

Messages on the occasion were received from the Heads of State of the following countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives, Mexico, Namibia, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela and Viet Nam.

Messages were received from the Heads of Government of the following countries: Belarus, China, India, Malaysia, Malta, Syrian Arab Republic and Thailand.

Messages were received from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the following countries: Burkina Faso, Japan, Madagascar, Oman, Romania, Slovenia and Ukraine.

Messages were received from the Governments of Argentina, the Central African Republic and Uruguay.

Messages were received from the European Union, the Interim Chairman of the Commission of the African Union and the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Messages were received from the following non-governmental organizations: Anglican Observer to the United Nations, Committee for Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue, International Fellowship of Reconciliation, Global Ministries Board, United Church of Christ/Disciples of Christ and Mennonite Central Committee United Nations Office.

A statement was made by the Head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A concluding statement was made by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

Economic and Social Council

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Twenty-ninth session

United Nations Office at Geneva

Thursday, 28 November 2002

- 54th–55th meetings *Consideration of reports* [6]
 The Committee met in private to discuss and adopt concluding observations on the initial report of Estonia.

Friday, 29 November 2002

- 56th meeting *Adoption of the report* [9]
 The Committee adopted its annual report and thus concluded its twenty-ninth session.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Monaco (27 November 2002)¹

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Cuba (21 November 2002)¹

Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 18 May 1978

Acceptance: Cuba (21 November 2002)¹

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Ratification: Malta (29 November 2002)¹

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Acceptance: Yugoslavia (22 November 2002)¹

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Acceptance: Sri Lanka (27 November 2002)¹

Treaty Event

Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (United Nations Headquarters) (9 December 2002)

Deposit of instruments of ratification or accession relating to treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above treaty event will take place on Monday, 9 December 2002, at 9 a.m. in the West Foyer adjacent to the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The event, which will be covered by the media, will be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Legal Counsel, in response to his letter of 28 August 2002, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to deposit instruments of ratification or accession relating to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 and the Agreement of 28 July 1994 relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to arrange appointments (room S-3200, tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax: 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail: untreaty.un.org).

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Delegations are also requested to submit in advance copies of such instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and statements to the Treaty Section at the latest by 4 December 2002 for verification.

The status of the Convention and the Agreement can be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Internet (untreaty.un.org). Summaries of the Convention and Agreement can also be found on this Web site along with the full texts of the English and French versions thereof under the heading Focus 2002 - Sustainable Development (direct link - untreaty.un.org/English/TreatyEvent2002). The summaries also contain pertinent information relating to treaty actions. Further information concerning the requirements for the deposit of instruments of ratification and accession and the like (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the above Web site.

Other announcements

International Day of Disabled Persons (December 3)

In conjunction with the observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, an informal briefing, organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The topic will be "Reinforcing the disability dimension in mainstream development: issues and findings from recent policy research and implications for the rights-based approaches to development." Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Lecture Series of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General is hosting a lecture series at the United Nations for delegates, Secretariat staff and members of civil society affiliated with the United Nations. The series is focused on topics at the forefront of both the humanities and natural sciences. The third lecture in the series will take place on Tuesday, 3 December 2002, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Professor Nebojša Nakićenović, Project Leader at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and Professor at the Technical University of Vienna, and Dr. Rajendra K Pachauri, Director-General of Tata Energy Research Institute and Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, will make brief presentations on "The Interface Between Energy and Climate Change", followed by a question-and-answer session.

Panel discussion on the future of the international civil service

A panel discussion on "The international civil service: Is it in danger?" will be held on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The panellists will be Mr. James O.C. Jonah, former Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs; Ms. Rosemarie Waters, President, United Nations Staff Committee; and Mr. Richard Nottige, President, Association of Former International Civil Servants (AFICS)/New York, who will be the moderator. The panel is organized to mark Human Rights Day by the United Nations Staff Union, together with the UNDP/UNFPA/ UNOPS Staff Council, FAFICS and AFICS/New York. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Opening of an exhibition within the framework of the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage

Under the sponsorship of UNESCO and the Permanent Mission of China, the opening of an exhibition within the framework of the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, entitled "Our Past, Our Future", will take place on Wednesday, 4 December 2002, from 5.30 to 7 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building. The UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Culture, Mr. Mounir Bouchenaki, the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Wang Yingfan, will open the exhibition.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited. For further information, please contact the UNESCO Office of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-5986; email: byng-clarke@email.com)

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Tuesday, 10 December 2002, from from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2. Presentations will be made by Mr. David Malone, President of the International Peace Academy; H.E. Sir Jeremy Greenstock, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom; and H.E. Mr. Kishore Hahbubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore on "The Issue of Terrorism and the United Nations Response".

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2002 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Gabon

H.E. Mr. Denis Dangué Réwaka

Asian States:

Japan

H.E. Mr. Koichi Haraguchi

Eastern European States:

Armenia

H.E. Mr. Movses Abelian

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Venezuela

H.E. Mr. Milos Alcalay

Western European and other States:

Sweden

H.E. Mr. Pierre Schori

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A/57/PV.37	Meeting held on 29 October 2002, 10 a.m. [English]
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A/57/L.25/Add.1	<i>Item 22 (e)</i> – Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States – 18-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]
	Fifth Committee
A/C.5/57/27	<i>Items 109 (c) and 112</i> – Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives – Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 – The situation of human rights in Myanmar – Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.48 – Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/C.5/57/28	<i>Items 38 and 112</i> – The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development – Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 – Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/57/L.20 – Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
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S/2002/1231	Letter dated 13 November 2002 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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